

Trends in Housing Unit Distribution

A historical trend in the distribution of housing units was established by using the urban area of 1950 (City of Fayetteville and South Fayetteville or (zone 181)) and establishing a trend line. This is not an entirely valid procedure since the 1950 urban area and the 1950 zoning area are two different geographical entities, but it does yield significant general trends. The housing unit distribution for Cumberland County was also determined for 1950 and 1960 since this trend would not be disturbed by boundary changes. Following are the resulting data:

	Cumberland County		Planning Area	
	1950	1960	1950	1960*
Single-family	17,334	17,334	17,334	17,334
Two-family	2,082	2,082	2,082	2,082
Multi-family	2,281	2,281	2,281	2,281
Trailer courts	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,140
Total	22,837	22,837	22,837	22,837

*Estimated distribution for 1960 urban area (City of Fayetteville and South Fayetteville)

1960 Population in Housing Units

Not all residents of the planning area live in housing units. Some live in college dormitories, rest homes, nurses' dormitories, hospitals, etc. In 1960, there were 751 persons in the urban area who lived in such quarters, representing 1.1 percent of the total 68,073 persons in the urban area. Some 62,322 persons lived in housing units, averaging 3.66 persons per occupied housing unit. (Some 1,380 units were vacant indicating a vacancy rate of 7.3 per cent.)

1960 Population in the Planning Area

Estimates were made of the 1960 population of the planning area in the Planning Department's Technical Study No. 5, Population, published in January, 1963. These estimates ranged from 152,000 to 168,000; the median estimate is 160,000.

1980 Population in Housing Units

It was assumed that the percentage of residents living in group quarters in the planning area in 1980 would be roughly the same as in 1960 for the urban